

What is the concept behind KA EduAssociates?

My co-founder, Gitika and I as experienced and passionate educators hoped to bridge 'a gap' we believe needed attention in the education space - professional development and teacher training. Having been administrators ourselves, we understood the challenges of the management and the realities of the available talent and therefore, through KA we aim to provide cost effective solutions for teachers and administrators, empowering them to upgrade and upscale their skills with quick implementable strategies. By 2020, as per recently published data - world over there will be a deficit of quality teachers that runs into a staggering number and therefore, unless we have quality training institutes, school administrators will not be able to cope with the promises made for progressive education delivery!

Our on-line modules makes it easy for teachers to register and avail of best practices that is critical for every classroom today, while on the job and receiving information in the comfort of their homes on their smart phones! Learning has never been this easy!

We also hope to reach out and connect with children and parents through workshops and training and bring educators on a common platform through our on line newsletter.

For us as founders, our vision is to collaborate and empower and KA has been founded on the principle of this spirit and soul and to ensure that Knowledge amassed can be applied.



Fatima Agarkar,
Co-Founder, KA
EduAssociates

Facilitating progressive EDUCATION

How are you different from other or USP?

Our programs are implementable, and very hands-on and interactive with a great deal of emphasis on case studies and enabling teachers to execute the learned concept in their classrooms - focusing on differentiation.

We use a combination of strategies that have been amassed over decades and collated as a result of our facilitators being teachers themselves so the relevance is not theory based but with a practical application based objective which makes us very popular. In the short tenure, we have been hired by over 30 schools pan India to conduct these customised workshops for their teachers across Early Years, Primary Years and Secondary Years and importantly across national and international schools.

How do you plan to scale up?

Scale up includes setting up zonal training centres and offices across the country. We hope to roll out the Bed full time courses through these training centres.

What is your vision for the company?

Simply create more empowerment and opportunities and position. Teaching as the Number 1 profession in the country and be able to rope talent into this field that clearly all

State and University topper, **Fatima** has a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from England, apart from a B.Ed. and ECCE and began her journey in the corporate world. She was adjudged Education World's top 50 young educators in 2014 and is also a recipient of several awards for outstanding contribution to education in 2013, 2015.

Having gathered 18 educational institutes under the flagship company she co-founded, **Fatima** now partners **Gitika** to create more opportunities for stakeholders in the education space with a passion for teacher training, special needs and sports.

In conversation with **ADC**, **Fatima** speaks about the deficit of quality teachers, quality training institutes and bring educators on a common platform.

the aspiring bankers, lawyers, engineers will field lucrative.

Where do you see yourself five years down the road?

We are confident of a more South East Asian presence ... extending our experience in the Indian markets to the region which has tremendous potential! We hope to include a global team of facilitators.



BUSINESS SHOTS

Sebi slaps Rs 14 L fine on 7 cos in investor complaints case

Sebi has imposed a total penalty of Rs 14 lakh on seven firms for failing to resolve investor grievances and file Action Taken Reports (ATRs) for respective complaints in the market regulator's online complaint system. The seven companies penalised by Sebi are In House Productions, Nimbus Industries, Classic Diamonds (India), Innovent Venture, Atharv Enterprises, Cifco Finance and City Lifts India. In seven separate orders, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has levied a fine of Rs 2 lakh each on the companies.

FIPB clears 6 FDI proposals worth Rs 1,187 cr

Inter-ministerial body FIPB yesterday approved six investment proposals, including that of Sanofi Synthelabo India, Star Den Media Services and Idea Cellular Infrastructure Services, envisaging foreign investments of Rs 1,186.5 crore. Of the total, Recipharm Participation BV of Netherlands alone will bring in investment of Rs 950 crore. The company had sought approval for 100% foreign direct investment in a proposed Recipharm Group Indian Investing Company through which it will completely acquire in an existing pharmaceutical manufacturing company Dagny Pharma.

RIL writes down nearly 40K cr on change in accounting policy

Reliance Industries Ltd has written down Rs 39,570 crore in value of its oil and gas assets including the flagging KG basin D6 block and US shale gas projects, in view of change in accounting policy. RIL has restated its reserves following a change in accounting standards from April 1, 2016. It has moved from the Full-Cost Method (Indian GAAP) to the Successful-Efforts Method under IND AS. This has led to devaluation of its oil and gas assets by Rs 39,570 crore as on March 31, 2016, according to RIL's third quarter earning statement. The write down investments reflects plummeting oil and gas prices.

Muthoot Capital Q3 net up 6% to Rs 6.44 cr

Two-wheeler finance company Muthoot Capital Services yesterday reported a 6% growth in net profit at Rs 6.44 crore in the quarter ended December. The company had reported a net profit of Rs 6.06 crore in the same period previous year. Total income rose by 20.9% to Rs 70.07 crore in the period from Rs 57.94 crore in the same period last year, the company said in a statement here. The total loan portfolio increased to Rs 1,269 crore (including the managed portfolio) at the end of the quarter as against Rs 934 crore in the corresponding period last year, recording a rise of 35.9%.

Adweb Tech portal offers security for cashless digital India

Mumbai-based IT security provider and website security solutions Adweb Technologies has launched its new portal https.in, an online platform for procuring SSL & code signing certificates, for securing mobile apps and websites. Apurva Mody, Founder, Adweb

Technologies said, "HTTPS.IN is an effort to educate and economically provide, through an easy online process, SSL & Code signing certificates to the SME & software developers alike". While most web users, are only aware of https when doing internet banking transactions, they will now see the change in their entire web browsing experience with more websites now moving to a more secure "https" domain, a company statement said.

Federal Bank's Net rises 26% to Rs 205.65 cr in Q3

Private sector Federal Bank yesterday posted a 26.4% rise in net profit at Rs 205.65 crore for third quarter ended December 31, as higher interest income and fewer slippages helped reap gains. The bank had registered a net profit of Rs 162.72 crore in the year-ago period. "Total income has increased to Rs 2,544.75 crore for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 from Rs 2,086.07 crore for the same quarter year ago," the bank said in a regulatory filing. The interest income of the bank rose to Rs 2,281.42 crore in third quarter, up by 19.9% from Rs 1,903.25 crore a year ago.

Yes Bank Q3 Net up 31% at Rs 882.6 cr

Yes Bank yesterday posted a 30.6% rise in net profit at Rs 882.63 crore for the third quarter ended December 2016, on lower provisions for bad loans and higher interest income. The private sector-lender had reported a net profit of Rs 675.74 crore for the same quarter of the previous fiscal 2015-16. "Total income has increased to Rs 5,229.96 crore for the quarter ended December 2016, from Rs 4,122.12 crore for the same quarter a year ago," Yes Bank said in a regulatory filing.

Purplkite launches India's only 'Pick & Drop' services

Purplkite - quickest delivery company has launched first of its kind service in India that offers 'pick & drop' services across any location in the city. The application provides on demand deliveries through the company's fleet of delivery boys (Kiteans) by providing services like tiffin delivery, payments of utility bills, laundry picks and drops or delivery of your belonging forgotten home. Commenting on the occasion, Manish Baid Founder, Purplkite said, "We provide on demand deliveries through our amazing tech enabled delivery platform which will reduce the internal delivery costs for our merchant clients. Purplkite also empanels select restaurants, which allows you to order from them."

Lloyd's gets final approval from IRDAI to open branch in India

Lloyd's, the specialist insurance and reinsurance market, yesterday said it plans to open a reinsurance branch in the country, in time for the April major reinsurance renewals. Lloyd's plans to open a reinsurance branch in the country, in time for the April major reinsurance renewals, following final regulatory (R3 or final) approval from the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI), a company statement issued here yesterday said. This will enable Lloyd's syndicates to offer specialist reinsurance in a variety of classes from a Lloyd's India branch in Mumbai, it added.

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